GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Complaints – Allegations of manipulations in the sale of Rice Harvestor in Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District – Common Proceedings issued against Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and subsequently retired and (04) others under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Charge held not proved – Dropping of further action - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.220 **Dated: 24/04/2025**

Read the following:

1. U.O. Note No. 977(DG)/V&E/Sec-II/D1/2018, General Administration (V&E) Dept., Dt: 14.12.2018.
2. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.01.2019.
3. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.30.08.2023.
4. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.09.2023.
5. From the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(I) 24/2019, dt.06.02.2024.
6. G.O.Rt.No.299, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.22.03.2024.
7. G.O.Rt.Nos.300,301,302,303 & 304, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.22.03.2024.
8. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(1)AGC02-32026/1/2019, dt.14.06.2024.
9. G.O.Rt.No.413 A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.02.07.2024.
10. G.O.Rt.No.414 A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.02.07.2024.
11. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(1)AGC02-32026/1/2019, dt.11.11.2024.
12. Govt. Memo No. AGC01-AGRI/11/2019-VIG-I, A &C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.29.11.2024.
13. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(1)AGC02-32026(32)/12/2024, dt.28.01.2025.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Adminstration (V&E) Department, has forwarded the Complaint petition of Sri Kolli Ashok Chowdary, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna (D) addressed to the SI, Tiruvuru Police Station and copy marked to the DG(V&E)], with regard to illegal sale of Rice Harvesting Machine sanctioned to the Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M), Krishna District, for taking further action in the matter.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Govt. has forwarded a copy of the above complaint to the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, and requested to examine the matter and take necessary action as per rules in force.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, while forwarding Preliminary enquiry reports of JDA, Krishna & Preliminary enquiry Report of Sub Collector, Nuzvid, has requested to issue further necessary directions in the matter. The Government have accepted the findings of the Preliminary Inquiry report submitted by Sub-Collector, Nuzvid, Krishna District and decided to issue disciplinary proceedings under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 against the concerned staff/Officers of Agriculture Department, for irregular sanction of Rice Harvester on subsidy to M/s Taraka Rama Rythu Sangham, Chittela (V), Tiruvuru (M) Krishna District during the year 2016-17. Accordingly, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture was requested to submit proposals for initiation of Common Disciplinary Proceedings, under A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, against the concerned Staff/Officers, along with draft Articles of Charge, in the reference 4th read above.

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4. In the reference 6th read above, the Government issued Common Disciplinary Proceedings against the following Officers, under Rule 24 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, and also issued Articles of Charge against them in the reference 7thread above, **with a direction to submit their Written Statements of Defense (WSDs.) within (10) days of the receipt of this order:**

1. Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and presently working as District Agriculture Officer, Nandyala District. (Subsequently Retired)
2. Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, former Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Asst. Director of Agriculture®, Vijayawada, NTR District.
3. Sri G.Kennedy, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru, NTR District.
4. Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vissannapeta, NTR District.
5. Smt. Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur.

5. In the reference 8th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has submitted the dates of acknowledgements on receipt of above charges and as well as the Written Statements of Defence (WSDs.) of the individuals and requested for further orders in the matter. In the Written Statements of Defence (WSDs.) of the Charged Officers, they have denied the Articles of Charge and requested to drop further action.

6. The Written Statements of Defence (WSDs.) of the Charged Officers are not convincing, in the reference 9th read above the Government appointed Smt.V.V.Vijaya Lakshmi, Director, ATMA, Mangalagiri, Guntur as Inquiring Authority, under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules 1991, to inquire into the Articles of Charges issued against the said Sri T.Mohan Rao, the then Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District & (04) others.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the Government also appointed Sri V.Sridhar, Joint Director of Agriculture (OD basis), O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur as Presenting Officer, under sub-rule (5)(c) of Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority, on behalf of the Government.

8. In the reference 11th read above, the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, has forwarded the Inquiry Report submitted by Smt.V.V.Vijaya Lakshmi, Director, ATMA, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur & Inquiring Authority wherein she concluded that, the charges framed against the charged officers are not proved.

9. In the reference 12th read above, the Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officers, Sri T.Mohan Rao, the then Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District (now Retired) & (04) others, through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, with a direction to submit their representation, if any, on the Inquiry Report.

10. In the reference 13th read above, the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded the dates of acknowledgements and representations submitted by the Charged Officers Sri T.Mohan Rao, the then Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District (now retired) & (04) others in which they have stated that there are no objections on the findings and report of the Inquiry Officer and they are requested to drop further action, duly exonerating them from the Articles of Charges issued.

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11. The Government, after careful examination of the matter and accepts the findings of the Inquiry Authority and accordingly, hereby dropped further action against the following officers duly exonerating from the Articles of Charge issued against them:

1. Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District subsequently retired as DAO, Nandyal District.
2. Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, former Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District.
3. Sri G.Kennedy, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru, erstwhile Krishna District, present ADA, Vijayawada, NTR District.
4. Smt.G.Rajya Lakshmi, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Vissannapeta, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vissannapeta, NTR District.
5. Smt. Y.Usha Rani, former Mandal Agriculture Officer, Tiruvuru and presently working in the O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur.

12. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

(1) Sri T.Mohan Rao, former Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), erstwhile Krishna District and subsequently Retired as DAO, Nandyal District.
(2) Sri B.Venkateswara Rao, former Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Tiruvuru and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Vijayawada, NTR District.
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} through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, NTR District.
The District Agriculture Officer, NTR District.
The District Agriculture Officer, Nandyal District.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5th Block, 1st Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER